

# Mostly Low-Cost / Free Software to Support People with Dyslexia Using PC and iPad / Android Tablet



## Visual Stress

Visual Stress Resource Centre (free)	<a href="http://visualstressassess.com/">http://visualstressassess.com/</a>	Free online test giving indication of visual stress and making suggestions for suitable colour for overlay / screen.
ssOverlay (free)	<a href="http://www.fx-software.co.uk/assistive.htm">http://www.fx-software.co.uk/assistive.htm</a>	Software to provide a coloured overlay for the whole screen, reducing glare.
T-Bar (free)	<a href="http://www.fx-software.co.uk/assistive.htm">http://www.fx-software.co.uk/assistive.htm</a>	Software providing a rectangular coloured transparent mask that can be placed over text.

## Dyslexia – Friendly Font

Open Dyslexic font (free)	<a href="http://opendyslexic.org/">http://opendyslexic.org/</a>	Dyslexia friendly font for PC and Mac. Also embedded in some iPad apps.
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## Text – to – Speech Software

WordTalk (free)	<a href="http://www.wordtalk.org.uk">http://www.wordtalk.org.uk</a>	Free add-on for
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		Microsoft Word, providing text-to-speech support, i.e. reading text out loud from the screen.
NaturalReader (free version)	<a href="http://www.naturalreaders.com">http://www.naturalreaders.com</a>	Utility providing text to speech support for all applications in which text can be selected with the mouse.
Scottish Voices (free for some)	<a href="http://www.thescottishvoice.org.uk">http://www.thescottishvoice.org.uk</a>	Synthetic computer voices with a Scottish accent, free for use in schools, colleges and by people with disabilities.
Balabolka (free)	<a href="http://www.cross-plus-a.com/balabolka.htm">http://www.cross-plus-a.com/balabolka.htm</a>	Text to speech program that can be used to read most e-book files out loud.

## Spellchecking Software

Ginger (free version)	<a href="http://www.gingersoftware.com">http://www.gingersoftware.com</a>	Context-based spelling checker (requiring internet connection to work).
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## Speech Recognition Software

Windows Speech Recognition (free)	<a href="http://windows.microsoft.com/en-gb/windows7/what-can-i-do-with-speech-recognition">http://windows.microsoft.com/en-gb/windows7/what-can-i-do-with-speech-recognition</a> (for information)	Built into Windows Vista, 7, 8 and 10 (accessed via Speech Recognition control)
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Dragon NaturallySpeaking 13 - Premium (£139.99, but often less)	<a href="http://www.nuance.co.uk/for-individuals/by-product/dragon-for-pc/index.htm">http://www.nuance.co.uk/for-individuals/by-product/dragon-for-pc/index.htm</a>	Very good quality speech recognition, but at a price!

## General Software

MyStudyBar	<a href="http://eduapps.org/?page_id=7">http://eduapps.org/?page_id=7</a>	Collection of free programs to support learners with dyslexia.
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## iPad Apps for Reading and Writing

**NB** Remember the built-in features of the iPad that provide support for reading and writing, e.g. Speak Selection to read text out loud and Siri for dictating text.

Kindle (free)	<a href="https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/kindle/id302584613">https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/kindle/id302584613</a>	Allows Kindle books to be viewed and read out loud on an iPad.
iBooks (free)	<a href="https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/ibooks/id364709193?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/ibooks/id364709193?mt=8</a>	Allows iBooks to be viewed and read out loud on an iPad.
Co:Writer (£13.99)	<a href="https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/co-writer/id674099732?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/co-writer/id674099732?mt=8</a>	Word prediction with text-to-speech to support writing and reading.
Ginger Page (free)	<a href="https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/ginger-page-writing-app-spell/id822797943">https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/ginger-page-writing-app-spell/id822797943</a>	Context-based spellchecker and writing support tool
Pages (£6.99 - free with recent iPads)	<a href="https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/pages/id361309726">https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/pages/id361309726</a>	Standard Word Processor, which can be supported by

		Speak Selection tool.
VoiceDream Reader (£6.99 + £1.49 / £1.99 per voice)	<a href="https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/voice-dream-reader-text-to/id496177674">https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/voice-dream-reader-text-to/id496177674</a>	Text reader with wide variety of colours, fonts, etc. available.
NaviDys (£0.99)	<a href="https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/navidys-browser-optimised/id631650011?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/navidys-browser-optimised/id631650011?mt=8</a>	Web browsing tool with facility for changing font and space between words.
Office Lens (free)	<a href="https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/office-lens/id975925059?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/office-lens/id975925059?mt=8</a>	Take photo of text with iPad and convert it into editable text. (Needs good lighting.)
knfbReader (£64.99)	<a href="https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/knfbreader/id849732663?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/knfbreader/id849732663?mt=8</a>	Accurate and easy to use tool for grabbing and reading text, but expensive!

## Android (Tablet) Apps for Reading and Writing

Heather / Stuart (£1.19 each)	<a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cereproc.Heather">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cereproc.Heather</a> <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cereproc.Stuart">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cereproc.Stuart</a>	Text to speech apps, with Scottish voices.
Easy Text To Speech Pro	<a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.easysolutions.easytexttospeechfree&amp;hl=en">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.easysolutions.easytexttospeechfree&amp;hl=en</a>	Basic text-to-speech program.
ezPDFReader Pro (£2.99)	<a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=udk.android.reader">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=udk.android.reader</a>	Edit, annotate and read PDF files
Moon + Reader Pro (£2.99)	<a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.flyersoft.moonreaderp">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.flyersoft.moonreaderp</a>	e-Book Reader
Play Books (Free)	<a href="https://play.google.com/store/books">https://play.google.com/store/books</a>	Get e-Books and read them out loud.
Google TalkBack	<a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.marvin.talkback">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.marvin.talkback</a>	Part of Accessibility

		Service providing text to speech.
NaturalReader (Free)	<a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.naturalsoft.naturalreader">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.naturalsoft.naturalreader</a>	Free text-to-speech app.
Dictus	<a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/developer?id=Dictus&amp;hl=en_GB">https://play.google.com/store/apps/developer?id=Dictus&amp;hl=en_GB</a>	Nice speech recognition app with text to speech feedback.
Remember the Milk	<a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rememberthemilk.MobileRTM&amp;hl=en">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rememberthemilk.MobileRTM&amp;hl=en</a>	Reminders and to-do lists.